



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06502.0374-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
)  
Guy L. STEELE, Jr. ) Group Art Unit: 2193  
)  
Application No.: 10/028,375 ) Examiner: Mai, Tan V.  
)  
Filed: December 28, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 3351  
)  
For: TOTAL ORDER COMPARATOR UNIT ) Mail Stop AF  
FOR COMPARING VALUES OF TWO )  
FLOATING POINT OPERANDS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed November 8, 2005. The items checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for a four month extension of time to respond to the above Notice of Panel Decision. The fee of \$1,590.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	27	-	33	0	x \$ 50	\$ 0.00
Indep.	7	-	3	4	x \$200	800.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$360	0.00
Subtotal						\$ 800.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- N/A
TOTAL						\$ 800.00

- ☒ A fee of \$800.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.



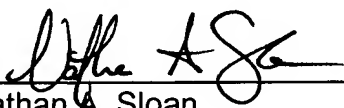
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☒ A fee of \$1,720.00 to cover: (a) Petition for four month Extension of Time (\$1,590.00); and (b) Terminal Disclaimer fee (\$130.00) is enclosed.

☒ A check for \$2,520.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: March 21, 2006

By:   
Nathan A. Sloan  
Reg. No. 56,249